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Project Listing

The inside table lists all projects on the PDCTC TIP that had funds obligated during Federal Fiscal Year 2002 (October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2002). It indicates which project phases were active.

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WHERE THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS ARE SPENT: ANNUAL LISTING OF PROJECT OBLIGATIONS

The PDCTC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a listing of transportation projects over a five year period that which will be paid for at least in part with money from the Federal Highway Administration or Federal Transit Administration. Our current TIP was approved in August 2001, and covers the years 2002 through 2006. The TIP lists for each project the intended schedule and the estimated cost for each phase of the project. Project schedules often change as a result of personnel or consultant availability for design activities, or changes in budget resource availability. Thus, the TIP does not yield an accurate picture of actual project expenditures.

To ensure that the public will have an accurate understanding of how federal funds are actually being spent on transportation projects, Congress included in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, passed in 1998, a requirement that the organizations responsible for approving the Transportation Improvement Program publish an annual listing of project obligations.

What are "project obligations"?

You might think of this as setting up a checking account for a specific purpose, and making an initial deposit. In order to begin work on any phase of a transportation project, federal funds must be obligated. This means that the money is set aside for that particular piece of work, and then can be used to pay bills. The project expenses may be bills from a design consultant, a construction contractor, or payroll costs for New York State DOT employees working on the project.

Do project obligations mean the work is underway?

This is not always the case. Project accounts are set up, particularly for the initial phases of a project, to enable the work. It may take a while, for example, to select and hire a design consultant, and have them actually begin work.

What are "project phases"?

Any transportation project, large or small, begins with an idea or plan and ends with construction. Here are the steps:

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ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERAL AID PROJECT OBLIGATION FOR FFY 2002

FEDERAL HIGHWAYADMINISTRATION FUNDS

PIN #	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SPONSOR	PROJECT PHASES OBLIGATED IN FY 2002	TOTAL OBLIGATION (\$ MILLION)
800147	Route 9G Northern Intersections Stage 1: Traffic Engineering and Safety/Operational Improvements at selected intersections from Poughkeepsie to Hyde Park.	NYSDOT	Construction Construction Inspection	0.840
803992	Route 9W Reconstruction: Provide uniform four-lane road from Chapel Hill Road to the viaduct to include turn lanes where necessary. Resurfacing, shoulders, drainage, signalization and bicycle and pedestrian facilities as needed.	NYSDOT	Detailed Design	0.117
806213	I84/TSP Ramp Resurface: Maintenance resurfacing of cloverleaf interchange. Town of East Fishkill	NYSDOT	Construction Construction Inspection	0.508
806221	I84 Pavement Rehabilitation: Taconic State Parkway to Ludingtonville Road: Pavement Rehabilitation. Town of East Fishkill and Kent	NYSDOT	Scoping Preliminary Design	0.025
812660	TSP @ CR 42 (Arthursburg Road): Safety Improvements. Provide a northbound exit ramp. Town of LaGrange	NYSDOT	Right of Way Incidentals	0.012
832715	Route 9D: City Line-Fallkill Creek: Reconstruct And Resurface. City of Beacon	NYSDOT	Right of Way Acquisitions	0.405
832735	Route 9D: City Line-Fishkill Creek Sanitary Sewer: Install 950 feet of sanitary sewer main to replace the existing septic. City of Beacon	NYSDOT	Construction Construction Inspection	0.173
875844	Beacon Signals: Verplank Avenue at Fishkill Avenue and Teller Avenue at Main Street. City of Beacon.	NYSDOT	Construction Construction Inspection	0.181
875880	Beacon Railroad Station - Dia Art Museum: Construct or replace sidewalks and crosswalks along Beekman Street and Red Flynn Drive. City of Beacon	NYSDOT	Right of Way Incidentals Preliminary Design Detailed Design	0.110
880842	State Fiscal Year 2002/2003 Sidewalks: Various	NYSDOT	Preliminary Design	0.030

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS

PIN #	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SPONSOR	GRANT # OBLIGATED IN FFY 2002	TOTAL OBLIGATION (\$ MILLION)
882200	Transit Operations Assistance Section 5307: Funds used to help offset the operating costs of the Dutchess County LOOP and Dial-a-Ride systems. County of Dutchess	Dutchess County	NY-90-X476-00	0.375
882201	Transit Operations Assistance Section 5307: Funds used in offsetting operating costs of the City of Poughkeepsie bus system. City of Poughkeepsie	City of Poughkeepsie	NY-90-X475-00	0.504
882208	Transit Operations Assistance Section 5311: Funds to offset operating costs of providing transit service in the rural areas of Dutchess County. County of Dutchess	Dutchess County	NY-90-X476-00	0.056
8TRD01	City of Poughkeepsie Fareboxes: Upgrade fareboxes on all City of Poughkeepsie buses. City of Poughkeepsie	City of Poughkeepsie	NY-90-X475-00	0.040
8TRD02	City of Poughkeepsie bus purchase: Purchase 2 replacement vehicles for the City of Poughkeepsie including related equipment. City of Poughkeepsie	City of Poughkeepsie	NY-90-X475-00	0.440
8TRD03	Purchase 1 support vehicle: Purchase 1 replacement support vehicle for the City of Poughkeepsie Transit System. City of Poughkeepsie	City of Poughkeepsie	NY-90-X475-00	0.048
8TRD20	City of Poughkeepsie bus shelters: Purchase bus shelters for City of Poughkeepsie, various locations to be determined. City of Poughkeepsie	City of Poughkeepsie	NY-90-X475-00	0.040
8TRD21	City of Poughkeepsie computer purchase: Purchase office support computer equipment. City of Poughkeepsie	City of Poughkeepsie	NY-90-X475-00	0.002
8TRD22	Association For Senior Citizens, Inc.: Purchase One 20 Foot Bus for FFY 2002.	NYSDOT	NY-16-0028	0.037
M302-09-04	Poughkeepsie Parking and Intermodal Project	MTA - Metro North Railroad	NY-90-X467	0.644
M403-01-10	Cyclical Track Program 2002 - <i>System Wide Cost</i>	MTA - Metro North Railroad	NY-03-0395	4.000
M403-01-10	Cyclical Track Program 2002 - <i>System Wide Cost</i>	MTA - Metro North Railroad	NY-90-X467	4.000
M404-01-10	Install Kit Room Backup - <i>System Wide Cost</i>	MTA - Metro North Railroad	NY-90-X467	5.000
M406-01-10	Harmon Shop and Yard - <i>System Wide Cost</i>	MTA - Metro North Railroad	NY-03-0395	9.000
M406-01-11	Harmon Shop and Yard - <i>System Wide Cost</i>	MTA - Metro North Railroad	NY-90-X467	5.000
TOTAL:	PROJECTS IN METROPOLITAN AREA			4.588
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